

2014 BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN MANAGER GOALS

1. Adhere to Board of Selectmen Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Policy Direction.
2. Support town management staff in the streamlining and simplifying of town operations and functions to ensure the best use of staff, reduced costs, and efficiencies in allocation of town resources, while maintaining the quality of services to the public. Encourage staff to suggest ways to reduce or control expenses and publicly recognize these efforts when results are achieved.
3. Continue to monitor health insurance benefits and identify ways to control costs.
4. Support the Permanent Town Building Committee's recommendation to conduct a comprehensive review of the maintenance and capital needs for our municipal facilities, including the development of a facility condition index, and the production of 10-year facilities maintenance capital plan. Present a bundled capital bond to address these long-term needs to town meeting.
5. Work with the Permanent Town Building Committee on the proposed Center Fire Station and develop a plan for the reuse of the existing Center Fire Station.
6. Manage the perchlorate issue to protect our water supply resources, while minimizing the expense to the town. Continue to seek DEP permission to discontinue perchlorate treatment filtering at the Nutting Road treatment plant.
7. Be available to assist the owner of 12 North Main Street with an application for Brownfields grants to help with the cleanup of contamination. Work with state agencies to protect our public water supply at this location. Investigate possibilities for productive reuse of the site.
8. Work with the Police Chief, School Superintendent, and town staff to improve the level of safety and security in our town and school facilities, and provide recommendations and guidance to Westford Public Housing Authority for their facilities.
9. Comply with requirements to become a Green Community, as recommended by the Energy Committee and supported by the Board of Selectmen, including establishing an energy reduction plan, adopting a municipal vehicle fuel efficiency policy, and recommending Special Town Meeting adopt the required "Stretch Code".
10. Identify surplus town equipment and property, such as the old Graniteville fire station, to sell for additional revenue and reduce the expense of maintenance.
11. Assist and support the Agricultural Commission with becoming more actively involved in agricultural projects in the community, such as Community Gardens, Farmers Markets, and Agricultural Restrictions. Investigate the possibility of leasing town land to farmers and residents to generate additional revenue.

Date Approved by the Board of Selectmen: September 10, 2013